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TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Case No. 10367/2123
Serial No. To Be Assigned	Filing Date 9/30/03	Examiner To Be Assigned	Group Art Unit To Be Assigned
Inventor(s) Justine C. Patterson, Salvatore R. Siano, and Chi Kin John Mak			
Title of Invention APPLIANCE FOR VACUUM SEALING FOOD CONTAINERS			

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is A Transmittal Letter (in duplicate); Preliminary Amendment; and White Acknowledgement Postcard.

Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

Petition for a _____ month extension of time.

No additional fee is required.

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					Small Entity		Other Than Small Entity		
		Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Add'l Fee	Rate	Add'l Fee
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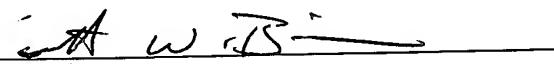
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I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,


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